

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Applicants have discussed the above-identified new dependent claims with the Examiner and Interference Practice Specialist, Anthony Caputa, who indicated that these claims would be entered. Applicants prevailed in Interference No. 105,104 with Claim 271.

As such, a Notice of Allowance is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this amendment or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at (703) 836-6620 so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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